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Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament

Report of the First Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament" was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 61/55 of 6 December 2006.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 October 2008, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 81 to 96, which was held at the 2nd to 8th meetings, from 6 to 10 and on 13 and 14 October (see A/C.1/63/PV.2-8). The Committee also held 11 meetings, from 14 to 17, from 20 to 24 and on 27 October, for an exchange of views with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials, as well as panel discussions with independent experts and follow-up to resolutions and decisions adopted at previous sessions (see A/C.1/63/PV.8-18). Thematic discussions on the items were held, and draft resolutions were introduced and considered, at the 8th to 18th meetings, from 14 to 17, from 20 to 24 and on 27 October (see A/C.1/63/PV.8-18). Action on all draft resolutions was taken at the 19th to 22nd meetings, from 28 to 31 October (see A/C.1/63/PV.19-22).

4. No documents were submitted for consideration under this item.

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II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.1/63/L.33

5. At the 15th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of India introduced a draft decision entitled "Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament" (A/C.1/63/L.33).

6. At its 21st meeting, on 30 October, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/63/L.33 without a vote.

III. Recommendation of the First Committee

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament".